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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/085,734

Applicants: Hiroki SHIOMI, et al.

Filing Date: March 1, 2002

For: A SHIFT DEVICE FOR VEHICLE

Group Art Unit: 3616

Examiner: CULBRETH, E

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181**

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**(IDS/FORM-1449 AND DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants hereby request the commissioner to invoke the supervisory authority under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 to request the Examiner to consider and make of record all of the prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 18, 2005.

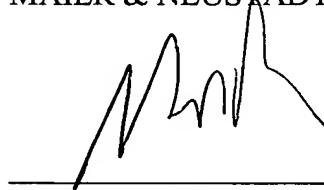
The document filed January 18, 2005 is believed to be fully in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 as evidenced by a copy of the documents and its filing receipt submitted herewith, and thus Applicants respectfully request that this document be acknowledged in due course.

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Applicants do not believe that a petition fee is required for the present petition. However, any such fee, should it be necessary, should be charged to the undersigned attorneys' Account No. 15-0030.

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In the matter of the Application of: Hiroki SHIOMI, et al.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached Japanese Office Actions dated 10-19-04 and 11-30-04 and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
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**CERTIFICATION**

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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